

Trails & Open Space Committee DRAFT Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2025 @ 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Alder Creek Adventure Center (no Zoom)

(all agenda times are tentative and subject to change)

Committee Members

Karen Aaron VJ Bonnard Richard Bothwell	David Cahill Gayle Dana Eric Lawrence	Carol Lindsay Kevin O'Neil Livia Quan	Graham Reid Peter Sawyer Julie Thornton
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Staff, Staff Leads, & Liaisons

Denise Gauncy (Board) John Groom (Staff)	Laura Lindgren (Liaison) Leslie Loveland (Staff)	Annie Rosenfeld (GM)
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Guests

None		
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I. Opening Business (3:00 pm): *Peter Sawyer*

- Peter Sawyer called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm.
- There were no Member Comments
- Neither the Chair nor Liaison to the Long Range Planning Committee nor the Board Liaison submitted anything in writing in advance of the meeting.
- The minutes of the July 2, 2025 Trails and Open Space Committee Meeting were approved by consensus.

II. Leslie Loveland and John Groom updated the committee on the stewardship events that have and will be occurring throughout Tahoe Donner. A highlight was Leslie Loveland's work with the summer camp participants.

III. Tour of Trail and Road Restoration Projects (3:15): *John Groom & Leslie Loveland*

The committee began its tour at the Alder Creek Adventure center and after passing through the Equestrian Center went up Wild West Uphill to Wild West (power line) to Doggy Dipper to Downward Dog to Aspen to Whoop it Up (lower) and back to the Alder Creek Adventure Center. Along the way we made stops at the following locations to talk about trail alignment, trail retirement, and trail usage:

- Midway up Wild West Uphill. Discussed the terracing of the landscape in the 1960's
- Further up Wild West Uphill. Discussed the problems as Chickadee crosses Wild West Uphill and creates a section where users need to go in both directions (a reroute of Chickadee to the north of Wild West Uphill would alleviate this problem).
- At Wild West Uphill and the old logging road. The old logging road probably needs to be decompacted more thoroughly.

- At Wild West Uphill and White Lightning (unnamed trail). White lightning is scheduled for decommissioning.
- At Wild West Uphill and Red Fir (unnamed trail). Red Fir downhill will stay, Red Fir uphill is scheduled for decommissioning.
- At the intersection of Doggie Dipper, Sundance, and Dogs in Space. Dogs in Space is going to be reconfigured into a single track trail. Downward Dog has been reclassified as Hiker/Biker/Equestrian after input from local property owners. The restoration of Downward Dog from double track to single track with clay base looks awesome!
- Tour finished by walking down Downward Dog to Aspen to Lower Whoop It Up and back to the Alder Creek Adventure Center

IV. Peter Sawyer adjourned the meeting at 4:55 pm. Committee members were invited to stay at the Alder Creek Adventure Center to share a beverage. The next meeting is Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 3:00 pm.